



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Weiping Shao
Serial No: 09/931,736 Art Unit: 1641
Filed: 17 August 2001 Examiner: Deborah A. Davis
Title: SUPPRESSION OF CROSS-REACTIVITY AND NON-SPECIFIC
BINDING BY ANTIBODIES USING PROTEIN A
Docket No: 469290-76

27 February 2004

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Decision dated 3 December 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-18 of the above-referenced application for patent.

Applicant requests the Commissioner to note the following items:

1. A response to the final rejection is filed herewith.
2. Applicant is a small entity and the fee for filing this Notice of Appeal is

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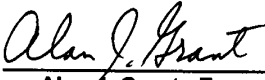
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3. A check for \$165.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the Notice of Appeal.

No additional fee is believed due in filing this Notice of Appeal. The Commissioner is requested to charge any additional fees, or credit any refunds, to Deposit Acc't No. 03-0678.

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